

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a key operation section, the key operation section comprising:

a first key section including a selection key pad which is used to select a desired information item ~~from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on the display section~~, and an execution key used to execute the desired information item selected by the selection key pad, wherein the execution key has a calling function; and

a second key section including a ten key pad, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided close to each other and are disposed immediately below the display section,

wherein the display section displays a plurality of information items in a plurality of rows and columns that may be selected as a first information item,

wherein one of the information items is initially selected as ~~a~~ the first information item,

wherein the selection key pad comprises a first key, a second key, a third key and a fourth key,

wherein pressing the first key selects a second information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item as the first information item;

wherein pressing the second key selects a third information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item as the first information item;

wherein pressing the third key selects a fourth information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item as the first information item; and

wherein pressing the fourth key selects a fifth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item as the first information item.

15. (currently amended): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

~~the selection key pad comprises a plurality of movement operation keys for instructing a search direction to select a desired information item from the information items displayed in the display section, and~~

the execution key comprises an enter key disposed at a position sandwiched by the first key, second key, third key and fourth key~~plurality of movement operation keys~~, for executing the selected information item.

16. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first key section comprising the movement operation keys and the enter key is disposed with a space from the second key section.

17. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

the selection key pad comprises a plurality of switch contacts each corresponding to respective different directions to select a desired information item; and

the execution key comprises a depression switch contact sandwiched between the plurality of switch contacts.

18. (canceled).

19. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided in one housing.

20-22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended): ~~The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14,~~ A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a key operation section, the key operation section comprising:

a first key section including a selection key pad which is used to select a desired information item, and an execution key used to execute the desired information item selected by the selection key pad, wherein the execution key has a calling function; and

a second key section including a ten key pad, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided close to each other and are disposed immediately below the display section,

wherein the display section displays a plurality of information items in a plurality of rows and columns that may be selected as a first information item,

wherein one of the information items is initially selected as the first information item,

wherein the selection key pad comprises a first key, a second key, a third key and a fourth key,

wherein pressing the first key selects a second information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item as the first information item;

wherein pressing the second key selects a third information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item as the first information item;

wherein pressing the third key selects a fourth information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item as the first information item;

wherein pressing the fourth key selects a fifth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item as the first information item; and

wherein:

if the first key is pressed and the row immediately preceding the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a second information item displayed in a row furthest from and following the row of the first information item as the first information item;

if the second key is pressed and the column immediately following the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a third information item displayed in a column furthest from and preceding the column of the first information item as the first information item;

if the third key is pressed and the row immediately following the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fourth information item displayed in a row furthest from and preceding the row of the first information item as the first information item; and

if the fourth key is pressed and the column immediately preceding the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fifth information item displayed in a column furthest from and following the column of the first information item as the first information item.

24. (canceled).

25. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the display section and the key operation section are disposed on one side of a housing of the portable communication apparatus.

26-30. (canceled).

31. (new): A method for selecting one of a plurality of information items using a movement key and an execution key doubling as a calling key, wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on a display section of a portable communication apparatus, the method comprising:

selecting one of the information items as a first information item;

pressing the movement key in a first direction to select a second information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

pressing the movement key in a second direction to select a third information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item;

pressing the movement key in a third direction to select a fourth information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item;

pressing the movement key in a fourth direction to select a fifth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item; and

originating a call to a destination designated by the selected information item by operating the execution key.

32. (new): A portable communication apparatus comprising:

selection means for selecting a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on a display means; and

execution means for executing the desired information item selected by the selection means, wherein the execution means has a calling function,

wherein one of the information items is initially selected as a first information item,
wherein the selection means is operable to indicate a plurality of movement directions,
wherein a first movement direction with the selection means selects a first information
item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

wherein a second movement direction with the selection means selects a second
information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first
information item; and

wherein a third movement direction with the selection means selects a third information
item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item; and

wherein a fourth movement direction with the selection means selects a fourth
information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first
information item.

33. (new): A portable communication apparatus having a display and a keypad on a main
side of a housing thereof, the keypad comprising first and second key sections, which are
separately provided on the main side, and a controller,

wherein the first key section comprises a plurality of key contacts, which are used to
select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of
rows and columns on the display and then to execute a selected information item, wherein the
key contacts are a plurality of movement operation key contacts and an execution key contact
surrounded by the movement operation key contacts, and the second key section includes a ten-

key pad,

wherein the first key section comprises:

a first key, a second key, a third key and a fourth key which are separately provided each corresponding to the movement operation key contacts, for instructing a search direction to select the desired information item from the information items displayed in the display;

an execution key corresponding to the execution key contact for executing the selected information item,

a menu key included in the second key section; wherein

a calling function is assigned to the execution key by which a calling operation is executed according to a destination address selected by operating the first key section,

wherein a controller is adapted to determine in a waiting state, which one of the execution key and the menu key is operated,

when it is determined that the menu key has been operated, the execution key is assigned to a function for selecting a highlighted menu item, which is executed by the controller,

wherein it is determined that the execution key has been operated, the controller is adapted to read by names from a memory to display the names on the display, and wherein

depressing of the execution key a call is made at a targeted telephone number.